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## Assessment Newsletter Update

### Wednesday, January 17, 2018

**Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be February 7, 2018.**

TO: All Subscribed Newsletter Recipients

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### *Cohort Graduation Rate*

**Cohort graduation rate follow-up window is now open and closes on January 19th.** This is the last opportunity to finalize your cohort graduation rate. Visit: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/CohortGradAppeals/> for more information.

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### *Alternate Assessment*

We are excited to report that IPASS is now open for teachers to begin uploading student artifacts into portfolios. We plan to have the updated *IPASS User Manual* with instructions for teachers available in IPASS by January 22. The *Student Portfolio* function is user-friendly and intuitive. A few teachers have already figured out how to upload artifacts on their own. After logging into IPASS, teachers can access the *Student Portfolio* function by clicking the *Student Portfolio* button at the top left of the [IPASS Welcome Page](#), as illustrated in the screen shot below. Special Education Directors and Testing Coordinators will be notified when the updated *IPASS User Manual* has been posted.

Home / Applications / IPASS Beta

Student Portfolio User Manual Logged in As: testrole5@testrole.org ▼

## Welcome to IPASS

At A Glance

I-PASS is the Idaho State Department of Education's (SDE) alternate assessment digital portfolio system for students needing to take an alternate assessment in science for grades 5, 7 and 10. Teachers access I-PASS through a secure single sign-on password and log-in. Teachers log-in and access their own digital classroom folders where they will collect and upload digital data into their class, student and assessment files. Student work as digital media can be uploaded in any format including: video, photograph, scanned as well as faxed or saved documents. Teachers can use I-PASS throughout the school year to collect digital media in their individual class file, then choose specific examples of learning of extended content area objectives to submit as evidence for the ISAT-Alt. I-PASS is a national model of the integration of digital media into the instructional and assessment process!

If you have questions, please feel free to call (208) 332-6824 or e-mail Karen Streagle at [kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov)



I will post the *2017-18 ISAT-Alt Science Portfolio Manual* to the [Special Education and Alternate Assessments webpage](#) in the next week or so. Remember, teachers can use the *2016-17 ISAT-Alt Science Portfolio Manual* for guidance on gathering baseline data, working with students to produce artifacts, and scoring artifacts for now because there are no changes to that process from last school year.

If you or your teachers have questions about IPASS or alternate assessments, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Streagle ([kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov) or 208-332-6824).

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## *Assessment & Accountability Roadshow*

Registration is full! Thank you to everyone who has registered. If you would like to try to attend, there is a waiting list. Please visit our [registration](#) page to register for the waiting list. If you are not able to attend, **PLEASE** contact Danielle Taylor to cancel your reservation to allow space for someone on the waiting list to attend.

### **Training Locations:**

- **January 30, 2018** - Regions 3 & 4 - **Boise State University**, Student Union Building, Second Floor, 1700 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725
- **February 1, 2018** - Regions 5 & 6 - **Shoshone-Bannock Hotel & Event Center**, 777 Bannock Trail, Fort Hall, ID 83203
- **February 5, 2018** - Regions 1 & 2 - **Coeur d'Alene Resort**, 115 S 2nd St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814



Find locations and more information on the [Assessment Training Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

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## *College Entrance Exams*

### **ACCUPLACER**

There have been a few questions and misconceptions regarding the ACCUPLACER. Please feel free to circulate the following as your schools/districts start preparing for the School Day SAT (with or without accommodations). According to the recent [College Entrance Examination rule update](#), 'Students receiving special education services through a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may utilize the ACCUPLACER placement exam in lieu of the SAT or ACT.' The ACCUPLACER Placement exams are **ONLY** for students on an IEP. The ACCUPLACER is **NOT** for every student. The ACCUPLACER must be an approved assessment through a student's IEP team. The Special Education and Assessment Department have collaborated and created [ACCUPLACER Placement Decision-Making Process](#) to provide guidance for IEP teams on which College Entrance Exam is right.

Another common question is, "Who is/can become a proctor for the ACCUPLACER?" This is a local LEA decision. It can be special education teacher, counselor, etc. It does not have to be a specific role. The College Board and SDE has collected this information via an intake form sent to Idaho schools back in September 2017. The individual who filled out the form indicated their school's ACCUPLACER Proctor. If your school does not have a proctor and needs one, please contact Danielle Taylor. It is an easy process. Please be mindful the testing window will be opening soon (February 5-April 30, 2018). For other resources, please visit the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage or feel free to contact assessment staff: [Danielle Taylor](#) or [Melanie Jones](#).

Do not miss the ACCUPLACER Proctor Training webinar on **January 24, 2018** at 10:00 AM MST. The webinar will include training on how to navigate the ACCUPLACER Platform and how to administer the assessment. Please [register](#)! Only people who have registered prior to the webinar can participate. This webinar will be recorded. If you cannot fit this in your busy schedule there is no need to worry! The SDE will be emailing the webinar, presentation, and Q&A to all proctors, as well as posting to the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

### **SAT**

Bulk registration window is open now. It is imperative that bulk file uploads are complete and in the College Board's system no later than **February 2, 2018**. Emails with bulk registration codes and detailed instructions were sent on the morning of January 12, 2018 to bulk registration coordinators. Find the file layout and instructions off the College Board portal: [Bulk Registration Site](#).

There will be no student voucher registrations this year for the April School Day (some exceptions apply for virtual schools). Bulk registration is conducted at the school or district level (not by the SDE).

Recording of the Bulk Registration Webinar Training: [Bulk Registration Webinar Training](#)

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## *Idaho's ESSA Plan Webinar*

The U.S. Department of Education has provided initial feedback on Idaho's ESSA Plan. Some of the feedback requires us to make changes to our school identification methodology and we need your input to address the required changes.

Please register for Idaho's ESSA Plan: Revised N Size and Accountability on Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:00 AM MST at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1377903961861202433>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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## *WIDA ACCESS 2.0*

Please note upcoming WIDA webinar trainings pertaining to 'just in time' test window topics:

- January 18, 2018: Technology Troubleshooting (12-1p.m. Mountain Time)
- February 7, 2018: Monitoring Completion of tests (online) (10:00-11:00 a.m. Mountain Time)
- For more training dates, times and topics, please visit [WIDA's ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Webinars Calendar](#).

Test Materials Arrive to Districts: **January 16, 2018**

Additional Material Ordering: **January 16-March 2, 2018**

Test Window: **January 29-March 9, 2018**

Enrollment and Assessment Business Rules for ACCESS 2.0:

- If an ELL is enrolled and identified by Friday, March 2, 2018, the expectation is to administer ACCESS 2.0 the following week prior to the close of the window; March 9, 2018.
- Please note, additional materials are not available to order the last week of the test window (if they are needed).
- If test materials are needed to test but cannot be ordered, districts will be able to explain via an appeals window (like ISAT).

Test admin resources and step by step visuals refer to: [WIDA AMS User Guide](#)

- Short WIDA AMS video tutorials: <https://www.wida.us/Assessment/AMS.aspx>
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## *February's Assessment & Accountability Monthly Update Webinar*

Our next webinar will be **February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM MST**. This webinar will have “just-in-time” information on our comprehensive assessment systems. Please register for the webinar at our [GoToWebinar](#) webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

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